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1.) ALMOST TWO MONTHS OF MEETINGS IN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND INTENSIVE INFORMAL
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS RESULTED IN
DECEMBER 21 AGREEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 1977
OECD BUDGET WHICH WILL BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL TOMORROW,
DECEMBER 22, 10:30 A.M.

2.) FINAL RESULT OF THIS INTENSIVE PROCESS WAS
AGREEMENT ON PACKAGE LIMITING REAL GROWTH PART I OF
BUDGET TO .4 PERCENT WITH ALL US PRIORITY ACTIVITIES
ESPECIALLY THOSE IN ECONOMIC POLICY AREA, ENERGY, NORTH/
SOUTH RELATIONS, AND EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS
RESULTING LARGELY FROM INITIATIVES BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
ADEQUATELY FUNDED. THIS WAS ACHIEVED BECAUSE OF INSIS-
TENCE OF LARGER COUNTRIES THAT IN PERIOD OF BUDGETARY
STRINGENCY MAJOR EFFORT BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE PRIORITY
INTERESTS THROUGH BUDGETARY STRINGENCY IN LOWER PRIORITY
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ACTIVITIES. FREQUENTLY PAINFUL AND DETAILED EXAMINA-
TION OF EXPENDITURES IN WHICH WE PLAYED LEAD ROLE
RESULTED IN PACKAGE WHICH IS WELL WITHIN OUR TARGET
CEILING FOR 2 PERCENT GROWTH OF BUDGET IN REAL TERMS
AND WHICH WE INTEND TO APPROVE TOMORROW.

3.) BASIC SHAPE OF THE BUDGET AT THIS FINAL STAGE IS STILL IN BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT C(76)205, WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS, PLUS TODAY'S PACKAGE OUTLINED BELOW.

4.) ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF FRENCH FRANCS (FF) 651,200 AS FOLLOWS:

THE RENEWAL OF TWO A-2 POSTS IN SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY: FF 295,200

ADDITION OF EAST/WEST ECONOMIC
RELATIONS: FF 356,000
(THIS IS 50,000 FRANCS LESS THAN WORK PROGRAM
PROPOSED BY SECGEN IN C(76)204, WHICH DEPT.
HAS APPROVED. TOTAL FUNDING SHOULD BE ADEQUATE.
FF 226,000 WILL HOWEVER BE FROZEN PENDING
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BY SECGEN TO EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.)

SAVINGS OF FF 1,045,000 IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN BUDGET
COMMITTEE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

FF 250,000 LESS HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR
CONSULTANTS; FF 204,000 LESS FOR
CONFERENCES AND COURSES; FF 26,000
LESS FOR THE INFORMATION PROGRAM;
FF 190,000 LESS FOR TRAVEL; FF 75,000 LESS FOR
AUXILIARIES; AND FF 300,000 LESS TO
COVER VACANCIES IN STAFF POSITIONS
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SUPERNUMERARIES.

5.) A FURTHER FINAL COMPROMISE INVOLVES RESTORATION
OF FF 31,000 FOR RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE IN GENEVA.

6.) PART TWO BUDGET REMAINS AS AMENDED IN BUDGET
COMMITTEE REPORT. HOWEVER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TODAY
AGREED TO INCLUDE ONLY ONE OF TWO PROPOSED A-2 POSITIONS
FOR NEA. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED INTER-
FUTURES AND IEA BUDGETS FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL
(BOTH OF WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED BY THE
DEPARTMENT).
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